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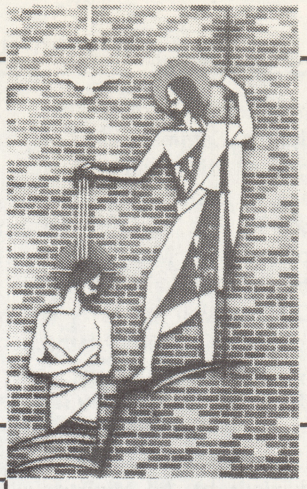


LENT – 1975

SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY WEEK

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 12
Mass followed by ashes: 7:00 AM, 12:00 and 6:00 PM
Children's Liturgies: Grs. 4-6 at 11:30
Grs. 1-6 at 5:00

FRIDAY - February 14
Stations of the Cross & Benediction, 7:30 PM

WHY FAST?

Now that Lent is approaching, we might find ourselves looking back on the old practices we used to engage in – one of them being fasting. This is a habit which in recent years has lost much of its significance. Yet, the benefits of fasting are great.

During Lent, the Parish Council has asked that we set aside one day of the week for communal fasting – Wednesday. On Wednesday we would engage in prayer for our needs and for the needs of one another, thereby building up the Christian community.

But how can fasting, abstaining from food, be a POSITIVE influence in our lives? Listed below are some of the benefits which various parishioners find is a result of fasting:

...fasting wakens my senses, brings greater awareness

...giving up something helps me to show and express my love and trust in God's power

...just to draw closer to the Lord

...I fast and pray for certain needs of mine or others

...spending time in prayer instead of eating

...identification with and empathy for the other three-fourths of the world

...sharing the money saved with the needy

...fasting is a sign of my openness to God

...after fasting, the spirit of prayer is heightened, I have greater awareness of God

...whatever one FEELS about it JESUS did it and we are His followers

...fasting can take on a variety of forms; e.g. giving up cigarettes, not engaging in an obnoxious habit

...fasting isn't any good if it's just an exercise to be done by gritting your teeth, it should be done with an open attitude

In summation, Jesus Himself has given us many imperatives to fast and pray. He tells us "Not by bread alone does one live," and that in order to effectively overcome evil we must fast and pray. He Himself fasted in the desert and drew closer to God His Father.

There will be a different intention for every week of fasting! Please consider this matter in your homes this week.

JUST A WORD...

by Fr. Harvey

This is one of those times when "just a word" doesn't quite describe what may actually appear here. With the season of Lent upon us, the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation less than a month away, along with the beginning of our special ten-week drive for the continuing renovation project in the church hall, these next few weeks will be especially demanding.

THE SEASON OF LENT
a la ST. John's

We have an exciting Lenten season planned. Two weeks ago, all registered parishioners received a special letter from the Education Center detailing an exceptional opportunity for personal reflection and religious growth in our Christian life. Five speakers, all particularly qualified in the topic area they will address, have been invited to share their insights in what it means to be God's people.

Father Jim Challancin, a professor of Liturgy at St. John's Seminary and a classmate and friend of mine, will discuss "A Searching People — Lent: A Time To Be More Fully Open To God." During the second week of Lent, Mr. Phillip Tanguay, Delegate for the Laity in the Archdiocese of Detroit, will be here in our parish discussing the vocation of the layperson in today's alive Church.

On March 6, the topic "A Continuing People: Divorce and Remarriage in the Church" will be handled by Fr. Duaine Pamment, the Officialis of the Ministry for Canonical Affairs in our diocese. As Judge in our Marriage Court, his presentation should be especially informative.

On Thursday, March 13, a very timely area of special Christian concern will be chaired by Fr. George Wesolek, Chairman of the Peace and Justice Commission for the Diocese of Lansing, as he addresses the topic, "A Conversion People: Social Sin and Social Grace."

The Rev. Noel Brown, chaplain of University of Michigan Hospital, will be with us during the fifth week of Lent sharing insights on the mystery of human suffering and dying for a Christian people. His presentation has been titled "A Death/Resurrection People — Meaning of Life and Death." Having experienced seminars with Rev. Brown, I'm certain we will all profit from his presence with us.

All Lenten discussions and presentations will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the church hall on each Thursday during the first five weeks of Lent. Please register for this series if you have not already done so, through the form you were sent. Extra registration sheets are available in the Education Center.

In addition to the educational opportunities arranged mainly through the hard work of Sister Anne, several other suggestions will be presented each Sunday so that, as a community, we will profit from the Lenten season. A sub-committee of our Parish Council suggested special areas of concern for greater communal involvement of all parishioners in the life of this parish. These suggestions will be integrated with the theme for each Sunday Liturgy during the Lenten season. The special Lenten talk each week will further elaborate the specific theme. We will suggest that all families of our parish voluntarily choose each Wednesday of Lent as a day of special prayer and fast for specific needs of our parish community and areas of concern outside our community. More on this subject later.

The schedule of Masses during the season of Lent will remain as usual, except that a 12 noon Mass time will be added, replacing the 9:00 a.m. Wednesday morning Mass. Stations of the Cross and Benediction will also take place on all Fridays of Lent at 7:30 p.m.

RENOVATION DRIVE

During this past week, all registered parishioners should have received a rather detailed report on the progress of the church hall renovation. The practical details of the special ten-week drive, which begins next Sunday, were also explained in that special mailing. We have a very good start on the special project and work is presently continuing. It would be wonderful if we could conclude the entire project within the year. Nevertheless, patient endurance does bring success. We will be better able to judge the realism of our hopes within a few weeks. Your cooperation and special sacrifice toward this cause will be part of the verdict.

Please remember to return the gold pledge card next weekend. The use of the special pink renovation envelopes insures proper credit. I think we all realize the importance of this special effort. A project of this size could never have begun relying solely on ordinary weekly income. By conducting this special drive for a ten-week period only, a specific need can be met in addition to meeting the day-to-day operational budget without a great deal of continuous fanfare.

Please give Special Project — '75 your thoughtful consideration, especially in light of the Lenten spirit of extra sacrifice. From past history, we have every reason to believe that the majority of parishioners will respond to this challenge. May our individual generosity encourage one another.

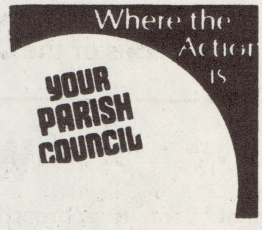
In a few words, that's enough for now. Thanks for your patience.

SINCERE THANKS

We extend special thanks to the Blystone Family for their Memorial Contribution of $405.00 toward the renovation of the Church Hall. The memorials were given at the time of Ron's death two weeks ago and designated for this purpose. We appreciate the family's special thoughfulness even in the midst of their sorrow.

Fr. Harvey

"Hey, folks! Did you hear what I heard? The Hall Renovation Drive begins next Sunday. I can taste success! I'll keep you posted in the weeks to come."



PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
February 11, 1975

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of January 13, 1975 Minutes
3. COMMISSION REPORTS:
   - A. Administration - Dave Wheeler
     1. Financial Report
     2. Renovation Letters
     3. Minutes of Commission Meeting
     4. Progress on Parish Goals
   - B. Education - Doreen Binder
     1. Lenten Program
     2. Fee Collection
     3. Evaluation of Program
     4. Progress on Parish Goals
     5. Youth Ministry
   - C. Service - Natalie Bowyer
     1. Progress on Parish Goals
     2. Financial Reports on Commission and Bingo
     3. February Responsibilities
   - D. Worship - Vera Clyne
     1. Lenten Plans
     2. Commission Minutes
     3. Progress on Parish Goals
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

INTER-CHURCH BLOOD BANK

This year our parish at St. John's is to be host for the Inter-Church Blood Bank, and the clinic will be held in the church basement on Monday, February 24th from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Any member of our parish or his family may request blood from the Red Cross Blood Bank through a release from the parish, whether that person is a donor or not. However, the Red Cross asks that as a parish we donate 160 pints of blood a year to help fill these needs. We have not attained our quota in over three years.

If you have not been contacted by a telephone call, and you wish to be a donor, sign-up cards will be available in the back of church. Please drop cards in collection basket or at the rectory. For other information, donor, request, or blood release, contact Sr. Carol Denise at 483-3360 or Marilyn Briggs at 434-1876.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

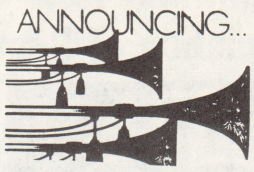
Pre-Marriage

These seminars are designed to assist engaged couples to examine their beliefs, attitudes and expectations as they approach Christian marriage, in a small group setting with other couples. They are held on a weekend at Holy Trinity Chapel, 511 Forest, in an informal setting. All couples planning to be married at St. John's this year should attend!

Couples will be interviewed a week before the seminar. Call 482-1400.

2 DAYS ($10 per couple)
Saturday, Feb. 22 . . . 9:30 AM-6:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 23 . . . . . 1:00 PM-6:00 PM
ALSO
Saturday, April 5 . . . . 9:30 AM-6:00 PM
Sunday, April 6 . . . . . 1:00 PM-6:00 PM

3 DAYS ($12 per couple)
Friday, Feb. 21 . . . . . 7:00 PM-10:00 PM
Saturday, Feb. 22 . . 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Sunday, Feb. 23 . . . . . 1:00 PM-6:00 PM
ALSO
Friday, April 4 . . . . . 7:00 PM-10:00 PM
Saturday, April 5 . . . 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Sunday, April 6 . . . . . 1:00 PM-6:00 PM



AREA BULLETIN BOARD

ANTIQUE SHOW AND SALE

It is time once again for the Good Samaritan's (an auxiliary of the Catholic Social Services) Annual Antique Show and Sale. This year it will be held at the Holiday Inn on Jackson Road on February 28th, March 1st and March 2nd. Our contribution toward the sale will be to supply 30 loaves of bread for a bake sale booth the women will operate and to sell the bread on Sunday, March 2nd from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. Anyone who could bake a couple loaves of bread and/or would like to work (you get to see the antiques without buying a ticket!) please contact Marjean Rose at 434-0252. She will also have tickets to sell.

CHRISTIAN CULTURE SERIES

The world's most beloved choir, Vienna Choir Boys, will present a concert of sacred music, folk songs, and costume operettas at Ford Auditorium in Detroit on Sunday, March 2nd at 8:20 PM. Call 965-0838 for information or tickets.

MANAGING EDITOR TO SPEAK

Pat Jordan, the managing editor of the Catholic Worker, will speak on Saturday, February 15th at 8:15 PM at the Wesley Foundation Lounge on the corner of State & Huron in Ann Arbor. He will also give a short talk on Sunday, February 16th at 7:00 PM at the Newman Center Lounge on the corner of Thompson & Williams in Ann Arbor. Mr. Jordan is sponsored by the Jerusalem Group.

TOUR IS ANNOUNCED

A 15-day tour of the Bible lands starting April 28th is being led by the Rev. Cleo Y. Boyd, a former Ann Arbor minister who has been teaching "The Literature of the Bible" at Washtenaw Community College. It will include Rose, Athens, Cyprus, and the pyramids as well as memorable places of the Holy Land. Persons interested are invited to call Mr. Boyd at 483-1984.

Time is Running Out...

HAVE YOU CHOSEN A CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE TO PRAY FOR? IF NOT, STOP BY MARY'S ALTAR TO PICK ONE UP THIS WEEKEND. CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND.

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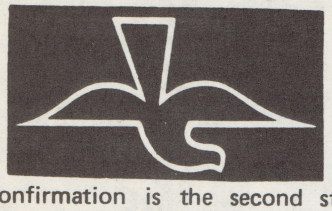
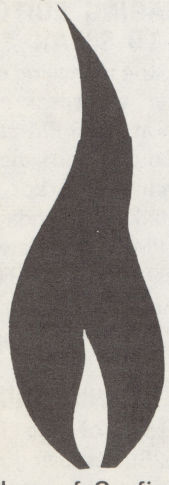
Confirmation - A Completion of Baptism



Confirmation is the second step in Christian initiation. It is the complement and completion of Baptism and, as such, can only be understood properly in relation to this sacrament. With Baptism and the Eucharist, Confirmation forms a single process of initiation into the full Christian life. Therefore, it should never be considered as an isolated sacrament.

The relationship of these three sacraments was more clearly seen in the early Church (and even today in the Eastern Churches). The baptized adult went first to his bishop who sealed him with seal of the Spirit and was then admitted to the Eucharist.

Confirmation was never seriously questioned as a sacrament until the time of the Protestant Reformation. Because Luther and Calvin claimed it to be purely of church origin, the Council of Trent felt compelled to reaffirm it as one of the seven sacraments. However, only its sacramental character was defined. Scripture and the liturgy of the sacrament give more understanding of the sacrament than any formal doctrinal teaching.



The theology of Confirmation is still developing. The rather narrow concepts of this sacrament as given in the past are being replaced by more dynamic and much more satisfactory ones. The newer rite far better expresses the role of Confirmation in the life of the baptized.

As set forth in the Apostolic Constitution on the Sacrament of Confirmation, issued by Pope Paul VI in September of 1971, an understanding of Confirmation is found in the scriptures and in the Fathers of the Church. The latter consistently call the Sacrament of Confirmation "the seal of the Spirit."

Essential to the sacrament is the anointing of the forehead and the words, "Accept the seal of the Spirit, the gift of the Father." This wording, according to the new rite, expresses the outpouring of the Spirit as the gift of the Father.

The rite tells us much about the sacrament. Anointing with oil was the rite that consecrated kings and priests for their tasks in the Old Testament. These "anointed ones" pointed to the great Anointed One who was to come. For Christians, Jesus is this great Anointed One. "The Spirit of the Lord Yahweh has been given to me, for Yahweh has anointed me" (Isaiah 61:1).

THOUGHTS... FROM THE OFFICE OF COMMUNICATION

...LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast (one full meal and two others sufficient to maintain strength) and abstinence (no meat). Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence (all over 14 are obligated).

...Four Michigan dioceses (including Lansing) will provide four-week education programs during Lent. The program will attempt to explain the new National Catechetical Directory which the bishops of the US are preparing. Education offices will use Catholic weekly newspapers for presentation.

...Over 53,000 dollars was given by Catholics of the Diocese of Lansing to the Campaign for Human Development last year. The Campaign, the Church's attempt to help poor people in our country to help themselves, began in 1970 at the request of U.S. bishops. The amount collected this year marks a 15% increase over last year.

...In less than 2 years, U.S. Catholics, through the Catholic Relief Services, the Church's overseas aid program, have helped more than a million people with 16.8 million in aid to those suffering because of the African drought. They are also the most active relief agency to those starving in India and Bangladesh. SOURCE: NC Wire Service.

...The Sisters Council of the Diocese has published a Directory which indicates that there are approximately 625 sisters in the Diocese of Lansing. This number includes 120 sisters who are retired and living at the Dominican Motherhouse in Adrian. 193 sisters teach in the schools of the diocese. Other sisters are engaged in pastoral work, social work, college level education, other professional activities.

LOVE DOES NOT DOMINATE --- IT CULTIVATES.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORD OF GOD

Some parishioners of St. John's express their commitment and life as Christians as members of The Word of God. As you may have heard, The Word of God is a community of Christians in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti involved in the Catholic charismatic renewal. The members attempt to live the gospel message as fully as possible and to share their Christian lives as a community. Members of The Word of God, now about 1200 in number, include a wide variety of people of all ages and from many backgrounds and religious traditions.

Everyone is welcome to attend the open "Thursday Gatherings" held each week at two places in Ann Arbor—one at St. Thomas High School, at State and Kingsley Streets, and one at Forsythe Junior High School, located on Newport Rd. off Miller Ave. The gatherings begin at 8 PM with an explanation room each week beforehand at 7 PM. The gatherings are large open meetings characterized by singing, spontaneous prayer, personal sharing, and teaching about the Christian life.

For more information call The Word of God, 761-8505.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, February 10 - St. Scholastica, virgin
- 7:00 a.m. Mrs. Frances Hutting, req. by Mrs. George J. Max
- 2:30 p.m. Robert Schrepper, req. by Jack Kelly (at Parkview Nursing Home)

TUESDAY, February 11 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Louise Chadwick, req. by Mrs. Muerl Cleeremans & Terry
- 9:00 a.m. Karl Brushaber, month anniversary, req. by Jack & Anne Marie Maynard

WEDNESDAY, February 12 - Ash Wednesday
- 7:00 a.m. Benjamin Laurain, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Gillies
- 11:30 a.m. Distribution of Ashes, grades 4-6
- 12:00 noon Mass - George Williams, req. by Mary Barton
- 5:00 p.m. Distribution of Ashes, grades 1-6
- 6:00 Mass - Anne Price, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Cantwell Family

THURSDAY, February 13 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Ruth Chadwick, req. by Gordon & Jane Waldenmeyer

FRIDAY, February 14 - Weekday
- 7:00 a.m. Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault
- 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross & Benediction

SATURDAY, February 15 - Weekday
- 9:00 a.m. Kenneth Croff, Sr., 8th Anniv., req. by the Croff Family
- 5:00 p.m. John L. Adams, Anniv., req. by Mr. M. G. Adams
- 7:00 p.m. Wedding of Joseph Laban & Jeanette Elliott

SUNDAY, February 16
- 7:00 a.m. Edward Daniels, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Light
- 9:00 a.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George J. Max
- 11:00 a.m. Joseph Fortunato, req. by Mrs. Fortunato
- 12:30 p.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

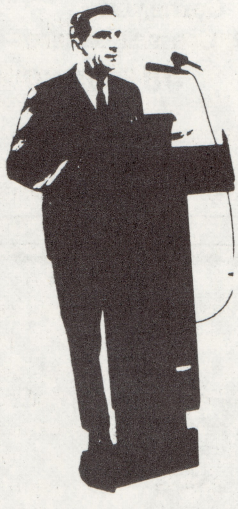
SATURDAY, February 15
- 5:00 p.m. Greg Gillman and Jerry Moses

SUNDAY, February 16
- 7:00 a.m. Mike Presensky and Mike Cicirelli
- 9:00 a.m. Jim & John Pryce
- 11:00 a.m. Tom and Jeff Anhut
- 12:30 p.m. Joe Slater and Mark Courtois

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 15
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . .John White

SUNDAY, February 16
- 7:00 a.m. . . . . .Ron Nemeth
- 9:00 a.m. . . . . William Anhut
- 11:00 a.m. . . . . Frank Wawrzaszek
- 12:30 p.m. . . . . Carolyn Maass



LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 15
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . .Chris White

SUNDAY, February 16
- 7:00 a.m. . . . . .Paul Brancheau
- 9:00 a.m. . . . . Mary Claire Anhut
- 11:00 a.m. . . . . Michael Schroer
- 12:30 p.m. . . . . Lee Sanford

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SATURDAY, February 15
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Clem Budinger

SUNDAY, February 16
- 9:00 a.m. . . . . .Dick Wagner
- 11:00 a.m. . . . . .Gerard Wideman
- 12:30 p.m. . . . . Gene Butman

USHER SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 15
- 5:00 p.m. B. Hughes, D. Jacques, T. Kulback, C. Corkin, V. Quigley

SUNDAY, February 16
- 7:00 a.m. T. Weber, P. O'Hara, D. Nowling, D. Cannon
- 9:00 a.m. I. Egbert, E. Herbert, S. Meier, W. DeLosReyes, L. Husse
- 11:00 a.m. W. McCarthy, J. Mooney, J. Vasher, M. Conlon, J. Romeli
- 12:30 p.m. F. Koss, P. L'Amoreaux, M. Welch, B. L'Amoreaux, F. Wahla

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 16, 1975

- 9:00 a.m. Paul & Laura Brancheau & Dawn Brown
- 11:00 a.m. Denise Israel, Melva Perez & Velma Perez

WEDDING BANNS

III Joseph Laban and Jeanette Elliott

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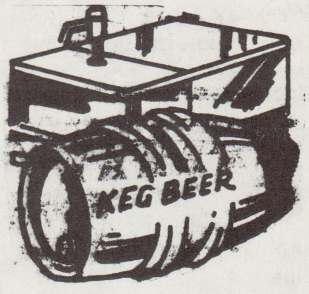

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